

California MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

NOTICES & REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 450th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, Fairmont Hotel, June 27, 1959.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lum in the San Francisco Room of the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, on Saturday, June 27, 1959, at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present were President Reynolds, President-Elect Foster, Speaker Doyle, Secretary Hosmer, Editor Wilbur and Councilors MacLaggan, Wheeler, Todd, Quinn, O'Neill, Kirchner, O'Connor, Gifford, Davis, Sherman, Campbell, Lum, Bostick and Teall. Absent for cause, Vice-Speaker Heron and Councilors Shaw and Harrington.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Clancy, Whelan, Marvin, Edwards and Collins of C.M.A staff; Ben Read and Eugene Salisbury of the Public Health League of California; Messrs. Hassard and Huber, legal counsel; county executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Nute of San Diego, Geisert of Kern, Dochterman of Sacramento, Bannister of Orange, Pettis and Field of Los Angeles, Wood of San Mateo, Donovan of Santa Clara, Brayer of Riverside, and Thompson of San Joaquin; Doctor Marshall Porter, State Department of Mental Hygiene; Doctor John Keye, Medical Director of the State Department of Social Welfare; William Rogers of the California Academy of General Practice; Doctor Larson, Mr. Paolini and Mr. Lyon of California Physicians' Service; and Doctors Dan O. Kilroy, Francis J. Cox and H. Dean Hoskins.

1. Minutes for Approval:

On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 449th meeting of the Council held May 9, 1959, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of June 25, 1959, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, 2060 delinquent members whose dues had been received since May 9, 1959, were reinstated.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, six applicants were voted Retired Membership. These were: Robert M. Furlong, Marin County; George B. Bormann, Waldo R. Oechsli, Los Angeles County; R. Stanton Sherman, San Francisco County; Earl C. Kading, San Mateo County; Louis W. Achenbach, Ventura County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 29 applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were: Robert D. Bright, Roland F. Marks, M. Hunter Smith, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Claude Carter, Donald Casad, Mervyn S. Schwartz, Kean Westphal, Fresno County; Onn Tsai Chan, Alice L. Garrett, Antoinette A. Gomes, William Aubrey Gore, Charles V. Johnson, Barbara Evans Kovats, Margaret M. McCarron, Turner Wm. Payne, Milton G. Crane, Rollin K. McCombs, Robert M. Nakamura, Los Angeles County; Harold V. Dwyer, Margaret Godfrey, Napa County; M. B. Perkins, Orange County; Merritt D. Moon, Sacramento County; Ethel A. Chapman, San Bernardino County; Harold F. Behneman, San Diego County; Everett H. Dickenson, Robert Eisenberg, Emily Koeniger, San Francisco County; Kenneth E. Cole, San Luis Obispo County; Robert H. Noce, Stanislaus County.

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PAUL D. FOSTER, M.D. President-Elect
JAMES C. DOYLE, M.D. Speaker
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(e) On motion duly made and seconded, reductions in dues were voted for 27 members because of illness or postgraduate study.

3. *Report of President:*

President Reynolds read two letters of appreciation which had been received, one from W. Byron Rumford and one from Doctor E. Vincent Askey.

Doctor Reynolds briefly reported on some of the actions taken at the A.M.A. annual meeting.

He stated that the A.M.A. Committee on Insurance and Prepayment Insurance Plans has scheduled a conference in Portland, Oregon to be held August 1 and 2 to discuss various economic problems. He will send a letter to the presidents of the various county societies and to the presidents of the districts in Los Angeles County urging them to send representatives to this conference. He also urged that C.M.A. be well represented at this meeting. (A letter has gone out over Doctor Reynolds' signature to the various county societies.)

4. *Report of President-Elect:*

President-Elect Foster reported additional actions taken at the A.M.A. annual meeting. He particularly mentioned that the A.M.A. is studying a plan by which physicians can provide for private retirement benefits.

Doctor Sherman reported on the effectiveness of the California delegation to the A.M.A. House of Delegates and particularly the work of Doctors Foster, McDonald, Bostick and Cass, and Messrs. Hassard, Hunton and Clancy. Mr. Clancy's report of the A.M.A. annual meeting was commended. On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that a letter of commendation be forwarded to Doctor Cass and to Messrs. Hassard, Hunton and Clancy.

5. *Committee for Emergency Action:*

(a) *Forand Bill Hearings:* Mr. Hassard reported that the House Ways and Means Committee would hold open hearings on H. R. 4700 during the week of July 13-17. The A.M.A. suggested California should request the Committee to permit a representative of the medical association to appear before it. The Committee for Emergency Action and the Legislative Committee held a telephonic meeting on the afternoon of June 26 and designated Doctor Reynolds as the person to represent C.M.A. and directed that a letter be sent to the Ways and Means Committee requesting an opportunity for Doctor Reynolds to be heard. A letter making this request was forwarded to the Committee. The Council approved the action taken by the Committee for Emergency Action.

The Council directed that a letter be prepared to be sent to each member of the Association outlining

the provisions of H. R. 4700 and urging individual action.

(b) *Meeting with State Finance Department:* Doctor Kilroy reported that the Committee on Legislation and the Committee for Emergency Action met in Sacramento with representatives of the California Finance Department. Doctor Reynolds summarized what went on at this meeting. If the state medical fee schedules are to be reasonably revised, representatives of the medical association must present facts upon which the revisions can be made. It was moved, seconded and voted that C.M.A. cooperate with the appropriate committee of the State of California and present to it the essential data regarding current physician charges in various regions of California and that we obtain the necessary data and permission for use from the various county societies to effect these objectives.

6. *Report of the Finance Committee:*

Doctor Sherman presented the report of the Finance Committee. It was recommended that John F. Forbes & Co., in connection with the annual audit, make suggestions regarding all financial procedures of the Association including the preparation of the annual budget and correlation of expenditures and also review the books and records of the Trustees of the C.M.A., Physicians' Benevolence Fund, Audio-Digest Foundation and Pacific Magnetic Tape Equipment Company.

It was moved, seconded and voted that whenever a proposal is made to the Council which will require the appropriation of funds not already included in the budget, the proposal shall be referred to the Finance Committee for study and that the Committee make a written report to a subsequent Council meeting.

It was moved, seconded and voted that the membership of the Finance Committee be increased from three to five with broader geographic representation.

The proposed MD-65 stop-loss agreement between C.M.A. and C.P.S. was moved, seconded and voted.

7. *Invitation to Doctors Orr and Askey to address Annual Session:*

The Council directed that Doctor E. Vincent Askey be invited to address the Annual Session of the C.M.A. at both its meeting in 1960 and its meeting in 1961. The Council also directed that the president invite Doctor Louis M. Orr, the president of the A.M.A., to address the Annual Session of the C.M.A. at its meeting in 1960.

8. *Commission on Public Policy:*

Doctor Kilroy and Messrs. Read, Salisbury and Hassard made a report to the Council concerning the various pieces of legislation that were passed,

those that were defeated and those measures which have been referred to an interim committee for further study.

A report of the Public Relations Committee was made by Mr. Clancy. The Committee recommended that in the event a fall meeting of the presidents and secretaries is held, a meeting of the chairmen of the various county public relations committees be convened at the same time.

9. *Commission on Medical Services:*

(a) *Two-Day Fall Meeting:* Doctor Francis J. Cox, chairman of the Commission on Medical Services, reported that the Commission recommended against the proposal that an interim session of the House of Delegates be held. Instead, the Commission proposed that the annual meeting of the county society officers be held in the fall and be expanded to a two-day meeting to consider problems of the aged and other urgent matters facing the profession and that invitations include appropriate county society committee chairmen; that a small special committee be appointed to direct the formulation of a program for the meeting. The Council approved the recommendations and directed the chairman of the Council to appoint the special committee.

(b) *Statewide Joint Council to Improve Care of the Aged:* The Commission also reported that the A.M.A. has proposed that state societies sponsor statewide joint councils to improve the care of the aged, composed of representatives of the dental, hospital and nursing home owners' associations. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Commission approach representatives of these associations in California, looking toward the feasibility and advisability of forming a California Joint Council to Improve the Care of the Aged and make a report back to the Council regarding this matter at its next meeting.

(c) *V. A. Home Town Care Program:* The Commission also recommended and the Council authorized the president to forward a letter to each member of the Association advising them of the recent changes in the Veterans Administration Home Town Care Program.

(d) *Revision of Workmen's Compensation Official Minimum Medical Fee Schedule:* The Commission reported the revisions in the Workmen's Compensation Official Minimum Medical Fee Schedule which had been ordered by the Industrial Accident Commission. The Council directed that this revision be widely disseminated to the membership.

(e) *Survey by Committee on Indigent and Aged:* Upon inquiry, Doctor Cox advised that the Committee on Indigent and Aged had under study a survey form which will be designed to obtain addi-

tional information pertinent to the medical care of the aged.

(f) *Relative Value Study*:* The Council inquired of Doctor Cox when the data from the recent Relative Value Study would be available for the various counties. The Committee on Fees, Doctor H. Dean Hoskins, chairman, had been in session all day studying this problem. He reported that the Committee did not feel that it could recommend that any figures from the recent survey should be submitted to the counties until all tabulations had been completed. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and voted to table further consideration of this matter. (See Item 19.)

10. *Commission on Medical Education:*

(a) *Proposals Regarding the Annual Session:* The Commission on Medical Education made several recommendations to the Council regarding the holding of the annual session. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and voted that further consideration of this matter be tabled.

(b) *Invitations to Speakers for Annual Session:* The Commission also proposed that the following speakers be invited to address the 1960 Annual Session: Arnold Rich, M.D., Johns Hopkins; William Barry Wood, Jr., M.D., Johns Hopkins; Albert Segaloff, M.D., Tulane; and Oliver Cope, M.D., Harvard. This recommendation was approved by the Council.

11. *Staff Report:*

Discussion of the staff report relating to the guides for members of the House of Delegates was deferred until the next meeting.

12. *Commission on Public Agencies:*

A written report of this Commission was presented by Doctor Bostick. It was approved by the Council.

13. *State Department of Mental Hygiene:*

Doctor Marshall Porter of the State Department of Mental Hygiene expressed the appreciation of his Department for the cooperation received from C.M.A. representatives during the last session of the Legislature.

14. *Department of Social Welfare:*

Doctor John Keye briefly advised that the Department of Social Welfare must draft a program to administer the benefits that the Legislature has provided for those welfare recipients having disabilities.

15. *California Physicians' Service:*

Mr. Paolini reported briefly to the Council about the operations of California Physicians' Service.

*For further Council action on this subject, see minutes of August 8, 1959 meeting to be published next month.

16. *Social Security Poll:*

The Council directed that a meeting of the Speaker's Committee to outline an educational program regarding a ballot on the matter of physicians joining the social security system be held in the very near future.

17. *Special Committee to Define Duties of Officers:*

The Council also directed that the special committee which was formed to propose appropriate by-law changes to better delineate the duties of the officers of the Association, make a report to the next meeting of the Council.

18. *Coordination of Committees:*

Doctor Foster pointed out that the various committees dealing with government medical care programs should be constantly alert to insure the best coordination possible in this field of activity.

19. *Relative Value Study:*

It was moved, seconded and voted to take from the table the subject matter of the Relative Value Study. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and voted that the current Relative Value Study be referred to the Committee for Emergency Action for intensive study and report to the Council at the August meeting.

20. *Time and Place of Next Meeting:*

The Chairman announced, the Council concurring, that the next meeting would be held August 8 in Los Angeles.

21. *Adjournment:*

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m., Saturday, June 27, 1959.

DONALD D. LUM, M.D., *Chairman*

MATTHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., *Secretary*

Two School Health Conferences Set

TWO TWO-DAY CONFERENCES for California physicians and school administrative personnel on school health problems, one to be held in Riverside and the other in Berkeley, are planned for October under the sponsorship of the California Medical Association Committee on School Health.

The Riverside meeting is scheduled for October 2 and 3 at the Mission Inn and the Berkeley meeting October 23 and 24 at the Claremont Hotel.

Programs of formal presentations on assigned subjects by physicians and education department personnel are being formulated; and in addition there will be discussion groups, each with a recorder, that will serve as a sounding board for

OCTOBER 10-11 MEETING FOR CMA AND COUNTY SOCIETY KEY PERSONNEL

Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11, have been set as the dates for a two-day meeting at which county society officials and key personnel of active committees will meet with officers, committee leaders and members of the staff of the California Medical Association for reports and exchange of information on various programs of interest to the medical associations.

The meeting, to be held in Los Angeles at the Ambassador Hotel, was proposed by the CMA Commission on Medical Services and approved by the Council. It will take the place of the one-day gathering of county society officers that formerly was held in January each year. The earlier date and the expanded meeting were recommended because of the need to formulate and begin carrying out association programs in various fields, particularly medical care for persons over 65 years of age.

A special committee is working out an agenda and other details of the meeting.

school health problems and ideas as to their solution.

The meetings are open to all physicians, in particular those who are members of school health committees of county medical societies or other local organizations dealing with the subject.

At the end of the first day of both meetings, CMA is to be host at banquets to which all registrants are invited.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OFFERED

A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the California Medical Association was offered at the 1959 session and, in accordance with provisions of the Constitution, was referred to the Reference Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. The proposed amendment must lie on the table for one year and be published twice during that period in CALIFORNIA MEDICINE.

The reference committee suggested that this proposal be studied by the Constitution Study Committee during the year. The proposal will be referred in 1960 to a reference committee for additional study and recommendations to the 1960 House of Delegates.

Constitutional Amendment No. 1.

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Resolved: That Article VIII of the Constitution of the C.M.A. be amended by renumbering the pres-